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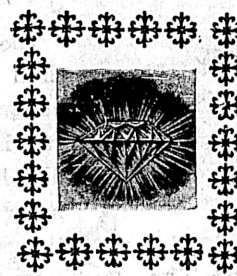
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H. M. S. Flora May Be Saved

Rear Admiral Bickford C. M. G. Says He Hopes to Be Able to Float Her.

The Cruiser is Hard and Fast on The Rocks and in a Bad Position.

Narrow Escape of Some of Her Officers When the Vessel Struck.

H. M. S. Flora, the big second-class cruiser, which crashed on the rocks at Village Point, Denman Island yesterday, is now in a very bad position. In the opinion of Rear Admiral Bickford, who returned from the wreck yesterday to get wrecking gear and pumps on board H. M. S. Grafton, on which he is now, the vessel is in a very bad position. There is some hope that the warship may be saved.

Yesterday morning when the tide ebbed the big cruiser was left a sorry looking monument to the mistake made by the officers who were asleep. She was lying on her side, the spar buoy off the Village point reef for the pile beacon on the other side of the channel, off Base flats, and, swinging the cruiser to clear the reef, he not only succeeded in doing so, but got her well on the shore. She ran up on Village point to the northward side, well inside the reef.

When the tide fell yesterday it left her dry from amidships forward, holding fast on the rocks. She was fully half out of water and lying on practically an even keel at a steep angle. She does not move with the rise and fall of the tide. When the tide rises—there is a rise of twelve feet in five hours in Baynes Sound—the water comes over her bow and the stern, the stern quarters being ten feet below the surface.

When the vessel struck on the reef it was high water. She crashed on with a shock, which awakened those of the officers who were asleep. Some of the officers had a narrow escape, the chaplain Rev. Mr. Salisbury, having a very close call. The men forward did not suffer as no water reached their quarters. Following at once on the heels of the vessel, they had unfortunately been left open.

Rev. Mr. Salisbury, the chaplain was lying in bed in his room and suddenly, following the hard jar of the ship, a great torrent of water dashed into his room from the scupper, and he was almost drowned before he could clamber out and up the companionway in his night clothes. And there were several other similar narrow escapes. Officers whose quarters were on the lower deck, it was a little after seven o'clock in the morning—and the sea which flooded in through the scuppers, the after part of the cruiser having been almost submerged in water.

They are living in tents on shore, and will take up quarters on the flagship Grafton on her arrival today. The crew were working hard all day yesterday, continuing to take out the coal, gear and stores. The guns and ammunition were also being stripped from the vessel, in fact she was being thoroughly cleared, everything being taken out possible to lighten her.

Yesterday divers went down and closed the open scuttles, which are usually kept closed when the steamer is cruising in foggy weather. It is reported that the divers found that a hole had been punctured through the hull of the vessel, and this is true or not cannot be learned, and a cursory examination by Admiral Bickford, who returned yesterday showed the damage not to be as great as was expected. Rear Admiral Bickford's examination showed that there had been some damage to the false keel as a result of the contact, but the vessel was not making water through her plates.

Yesterday afternoon when the tide changed after the flood, the vessel had a list to starboard of about five degrees, and it was seen that some of her forward plates were badly twisted and strained. Work was commenced at once to block up the vessel to prevent her canting further to starboard, and on the arrival of H. M. S. Grafton today the flagship left Esquimaux yesterday at 4 p. m. with wrecking gear and with two naval barges and the barge Isabel of the salvage company with the wrecking gear and the large pumps, with a capacity of about 1000 gallons a minute and four portable boilers in tow, salvage operations will be commenced in earnest. H. M. S. Egeria, which arrived yesterday, sent her crew to assist in lightening the vessel in readiness.

This afternoon after the Grafton arrives big anchors will be thrown out, and efforts will be commenced to try and float her by hauling to the anchors, with the flagship and the Egeria assisting by hauling on lines placed on the struts of the vessel. No tugs will be used, the navy tug being the flagship of the cruiser and it is hoped by the Admiral that the operations will result in success, although, as he says, the operations will be difficult as the cruiser is in a bad position.

THE ADMIRAL RETURNS.

Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., who returned from the scene of the disaster on yesterday morning's train, in an interview given to a Colonist reporter said that while there is no doubt that the Flora is in a bad position, she having run well up on the shelving rock at a high speed, still there is hope that she will be saved.

"You told the particulars of the accident very correctly in the Colonist yesterday," said the distinguished naval officer. "The Flora is in a bad position. At low water she is dry forward of her mainmast, from about amidships, with her after deck not more than two feet above the surface, while at high water there is a rise and fall of about twelve feet in five hours—she lies with about two feet of her keel—a few feet, perhaps—above water, while about her funnels she is submerged with ten feet of water above her decks. She is not water borne, though being fast on the rock, and does not change her position with the rise and fall of the tide.

"Yes, there is no doubt that she is in a bad position, but from a cursory examination I do not think that she is as greatly injured about the hull as one would have expected. Her false keel is torn at the bow, as one would expect from the force of her impact with the rock upon which she slid after striking, but her plates are not damaged as much as would have been expected. It is not thought that there are any boulders penetrating her hull, as I understand was the case with the steamer Willamette, which stranded almost at the same spot. She is not making water below, and after the vessel is freed by the large centrifugal pumps which are being secured from Mr. Bullen of the British Columbia Salvage Company, divers having closed the open scuppers, we may be able to float her, at least we hope so."

"There is about five or six fathoms of water at the stern of the Flora, and the rock on which she is held shelves steeply. The cruiser is on the northerly side of the point, not on the reef which juts out from the front. The officers, whose quarters are flooded—all were quartered in the submerged after part of the vessel—are living in tents ashore, but will go on board H. M. S. Grafton on arrival tomorrow. They had to leave the vessel hurriedly as the sea flowed in rapidly through the scuppers, which, unfortunately, had been left open. The officers will suffer much loss, for all their gear and effects are below water, in fact, some of them who left their beds had not even their uniforms."

"It is unusual for the scuppers to be left open when a vessel is traveling in foggy weather. They are usually closed when water-tight compartments are shut. You see when the bow slid high up on the rocks, the cruiser was placed at an acute angle, which threw her after part low down in the water, and with the scuppers open the sea flooded in rapidly and she soon filled aft."

"I have returned to secure wrecking gear for the salvage operations, for, although she is in a bad position, as I have said, in my opinion there is a chance to save her. I will leave on H. M. S. Grafton at four o'clock, taking the big pumps which we have secured from Mr. Bullen, H. M. S. Egeria, having left last night is already at the scene of the wreck, and with her and the Grafton efforts will be commenced at once to save the Flora. We shall not engage any merchant vessels or tugs to assist, but will undertake the wrecking operations with the Grafton and Egeria. Large anchors will be placed astern and when the pumps have pumped out the water which has flooded into the after part of the vessel, we will endeavor to hoist her off."

"Already the crew have lightened her considerably. The coal, of which she had 600 tons on board, stores and gear was being taken out when I left, and the guns were being dismounted and taken ashore. The crew are working hard to take out the gear and stores of the cruiser."

"How the accident occurred? Well, that I cannot say. An investigation will take place as is customary, and that will be shown there. The accident occurred early in the morning, and I am told there was a thick fog at the time. The vessel was bound to Esquimaux from Union wharf."

CAPT. RITCHIE'S STORY.

A Nanaimo despatch says: "Captain Ritchie, of the John, who visited the Flora last night, said that the vessel was standing nearly on end with her smashed forefoot and forty feet of her bow high in the air and the after compartment and stern out of sight under water. He says she is apparently in a bad position, and that she appears to be resting on a fairly even keel, which is badly damaged, and the forward compartment filled with water. If floated it will be by putting scows around the stern. The vessel is being stripped of guns and ammunition."

SCENE OF THE WRECK.

Village Point, where the Flora is wrecked, is a shelving rock which stands out, with a reef, from Denman Island, about four miles from the Union wharf. There is a red spar buoy moored in a depth of 21 feet at the extreme end of the reef, and about a mile further south, in Baynes Sound—the waterway which divides Denman Island from the mainland of Vancouver Island—a beacon consisting of three piles with two red lights, one showing to seaward and the other to the seaward entrance to the channel, marks Base Flats, which abuts into the channel from the mainland side.

It is this buoy, it is believed, which the navigating officer of the Flora believed was in sight when he saw the red spar buoy off Village Point, and turning to starboard to avoid that beacon as he thought, he swung the cruiser in on to the rocks of Village Point; he had mistaken the buoy and, excepting a slight turning out into the channel from Base Flat, he had turned in to the rocky coast of Denman Island, instead of swinging to port to avoid the reef at Village Point, on which the warship is piled up.

There is an Indian village there, from which fact the point took its name. The rock shelves down to the water rapidly, and there are some large boulders below water there. The scene of the warship's accident is about a mile from a place where the steamer collier Willamette, now the Montara—she was renamed after being repaired and lengthened at the Moran yards at Seattle—struck as she was leaving Union with a part cargo of coal on March 10, 1901. The Willamette was caught in a similar position to the Flora, with her bow held fast by the rocks, while her after part was swayed by the tide until it settled down on a ledge and was caught her at the bilge and penetrated the hull. The Willamette broke her back, and was saved by the wreckers after being broken in two.

Village Point is two miles northwest of Panny Bay, and a sand spit extends a short distance from this bay northward, is a good anchorage in ten fathoms known as Vachie. It is the reef off the Indian village, though, that is considered dangerous, and vessels leaving Union wharf are warned to avoid the reef lying off the sand spit, on which the marine department has placed a red spar buoy.

Baynes Sound, the waterway in which the wreck occurred, separates Denman Island from the mainland of Vancouver Island. It is a narrow sheet of water eighteen miles long with an average navigable width of half a mile, and a general depth of from 10 to 12 feet. Her horsepower is greater than that of the Phaeton's, it being 7,000 nominal draught and 9,000 forced draught, as against 5,000 nominal, the Phaeton's draught. She cost \$244,819 to build, and her armament consists of two 6-inch quickfiring, eight 4.7 guns, eight 6-pounders, one 3-pounder, four Maxims and four torpedo tubes. The vessel has a speed of 13.5 knots, which is considerably faster than the Phaeton's. In general design the vessel greatly resembles the Grafton, the flagship on this station. A peculiarity about her appearance are the places in her bow and stern, which were once used for torpedo openings. These have been closed up, but the square masses of metal remaining are conspicuous.

One of the two torpedo boats which were wrecked recently laid up in Esquimaux, it is understood, be commissioned, and will be employed in establishing a rapid means of communication between the wreck and either Union or Esquimaux.

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Legislative Assembly

Million Dollar Loan Bill Passes Committee of the House.

Railway Property and Several Other Important Measures Advanced a Stage.

Night Sessions are to Begin on Monday Evening Next.

(Seventh Day.) Mr. Speaker took the chair promptly at 2 o'clock.

Prayers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, M. A.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition from G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the "Vancouver Insurance Company."

Laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition from G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company, was received.

The petition from W. F. Gurd and others, claiming of Cranbrook, asking for appropriations for a court house, government offices and streets and bridges, was ruled out of order.

MOTIONS.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to amend the Trail Incorporation Act, 1901.

Will read a first time, and second reading next sitting of the House.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Oliver asked the hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works the following questions:

1. What amount of money was expended for public works in Dewdney district during September and October of the present year?

2. How many pieces of work were commenced in September, 1903, in Dewdney district?

3. How many men were employed on the above works?

4. Who hired the men employed on the above works, and what was the rate per day of wages paid?

5. What position did Mr. W. J. Mansson, of Mission, City, hold in the government employ?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"1. September, \$3,210; October, \$4,670. Total, \$7,880."

"2. 113."

"3. Road superintendent and road foremen. Foremen, \$3 to \$4 per day; axemen, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day; laborers, \$2 to \$2.25 per day."

"4. Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Did the Lieut.-Governor in any way interfere, between June 3rd, 1903, and October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the province?

2. If so, in what way?

3. Has the Lieut.-Governor in any way interfered, since October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the province?

4. If so, in what way?

The Premier replied: (1) No. (2) Answered by No. 3. (3) No. (4) Answered by No. 3.

"The Hon. Mr. Green asked the hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works the following question:

How near completion is the provincial reformatory, and at what date is it expected that the present work will be ready for intended use?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"The main building, comprising residence, dormitories, etc., is completed, and the exception of heating apparatus, bath, wash tubs, etc., floor in basement and cementing plinth, etc. The remainder of the further works required to complete the Industrial School fit for occupation are, farm buildings, drainage, water supply and sale of the public lands belonging to the province. If the whole can be completed by the 30th June, 1904."

THE LOAN BILL.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the hon. finance minister's bill to borrow one million dollars for various purposes set forth as follows:

"1. This act may be cited as the 'Treasury Debiture Loan Act, 1903.'"

"2. The Lieut.-Governor in council may borrow or raise, at such time as may be deemed expedient, a sum of money not exceeding one million dollars by the sale of debentures."

"3. All moneys borrowed or raised pursuant to this act shall bear interest at the rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the first day of March and the first day of September in each year, at the provincial treasury."

"4. There shall be provided annually out of the general revenue of the province, a fixed sum equal to ten per cent. of the whole amount borrowed; said sum to be applied annually toward the redemption of the debentures, or for the purpose of negotiating such loan, and the minister, or any other duly appointed agent, may arrange all details, do, transact and execute all such deeds, matter or things as may be requisite during the negotiations, or for the purpose of placing the loan."

"5. It shall be lawful for the minister of finance, or such other person as the Lieut.-Governor in council may appoint, to apply to the provincial treasury for an equal sum of the principal on the first day of March in each year, by redemption of debentures following in consecutive numbers, commencing at number one, so that the expiration of ten years from the date of issue the whole amount of the debentures shall have been repaid."

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"7. The debentures may be in the form of schedule 'A' to this act."

Mr. Tatlow moved that the words "commencing with the 1st of March, 1905" be inserted in clause 4 after the words "in each year." Carried.

Mr. Drury desired explanations on clause 4, arguing that the debentures would have a varying value year after year, and that the province might make a better bargain than suggested in this bill. He would like the finance minister to explain.

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CHINESE DROWNED.

Contraband Immigrants Overturned Into Erie Canal.

Buffalo, Dec. 4.—Four of eleven Chinamen being smuggled into the United States, were drowned today by a wagon in which they were riding being overturned into the Erie canal.

DEFINES U. S. POSITION.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Livenash, of California, introduced a joint resolution today "defining the intention of the United States concerning the isthmus of Panama." It disclaims on the part of the United States any intention to impair Colombian sovereignty or to support the Republic of Panama against Colombia, or to interfere in the relations between Colombia and Panama.

ENGLISH COTTON OPERATIVES.

Rise in American Price Causes Excitement in England.

London, Dec. 4.—The rise in cotton caused intense excitement in Manchester and Liverpool. American cotton advanced 28 to 44 points over yesterday's closing prices. It is said locally that if the official crop estimate of the United States department of agriculture, made public yesterday, is correct, it means a terrible calamity for Lancashire.

HONORED BY EDINBURGH.

Lord Strathcona Made Burgess of "Scotia's Darling Seat."

Edinburgh, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Lord Strathcona, Canada's highest commissioner, who commands the respect of all classes in Great Britain, officially visited Edinburgh today and was made a Burgess of that city. In consideration of Lord Strathcona's advanced age, the honor was conferred in the council chamber instead of in the public hall. Lord Provost Cranston presided.

Messrs Kirkpatrick and Lecky, Canadian geologists, have left Berbera for England.

A Visit To The Stranded Flora

Correspondent Describes Appearance of the Ill-fated Man-of-War.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Union Bay, Dec. 4.—A visit to H. M. S. Flora today found everything practically in the same condition as yesterday except that she had listed a little more. She lies about 300 yards off Denman Island shore, just north and inside of Village point, heading about east at high tide. The vessel is under water aft, and as far as her smokestack, her bow is practically out of water, giving a fore and aft inclination of 4 in 5. At the time of her striking she was listed 10 degrees to port, and is now 12 1/2 degrees. At low water one may walk under her bilge as far as her after smokestack. She is on a shelving rock, and an attempt will be made to raise her stern at low tide tonight. The holes in the hull are small, but many plates are ripped off. When the ship struck she sailed through the after ports which were open and put under water by the bows being raised. The shore is littered with stores, bags and impedimenta of all kinds. Canvas awnings are pitched for shelter and the Rev. Mr. Nixon's house and the bathhouses are filled with articles from the ship. The work of lightening has gone on all day without intermission.

H. M. S. Egeria arrived on the scene at 3:45 in the afternoon and the hulk Japan was towed there from Union wharf to be used as a store ship. The ship lies well sheltered from the southeast, but will be badly exposed if a heavy norther springs up.

STRIKERS REMAIN OUT.

Quebec Bootmakers Refuse Terms Offered by Employers.

Quebec, Dec. 4.—The employees of the boot and shoe factories, after a protracted meeting last night, decided not to accept the offer of their employers, and consequently did not show up for work this morning.

TOOL OF SAM PARKS.

New York, Dec. 4.—Timothy McCarthy, the walking mate of the Housewife and Bridgette Union, who was convicted of extortion, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Blackwell's Island. In sentencing McCarthy, who was found guilty of extorting \$300 from Louis Andrews Company to settle a strike, Recorder Goff said that, in his opinion, McCarthy was simply the tool of Sam Parks, and that he took this into consideration.

YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS.

Parents Refuse to Stand Surety For Their Good Behavior.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 4.—Magistrate Farwood had a very difficult case before him yesterday. Six boys representing three families appeared before him charged with stealing chickens, the birds being afterwards sold to Chinamen and the money spent on cigarettes and other contraband. The ages of the lads ranged from ten to fourteen years and the magistrate did not care to send them to jail nor to the Victoria reformatory. He therefore proposed to let the boys go on sureties being given for their good behavior. Here a difficulty arose. The parents, some of whom had property did not care to guarantee the behavior of their children for a year at \$100 a head, nor did they think that they could get other people to give second sureties for the like amount. They appeared to regard the money as already gone so little faith had they in their power to control their offspring. The cases were adjourned until next week when it will be settled whether the boys are to be bound over on the guarantee of their elders or go to jail. Mr. Farwood expressed himself strongly upon the necessity existing for an up-to-date reformatory.

The Rev. F. G. Christmas, formerly of Sanibel, who has for some time held occasional services in the outlying districts where there is no regular church of England ministrations, has gone up to Cumberland, where he will take charge of the parish of Holy Trinity. Mrs. Christmas and family will follow.

Mr. Hugh Fraser, of Lethbridge, who has been attached to the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to Vancouver, Mr. Norman, of that city, taking his place.

Guarantee Is In Sight

Reported That the Grand Trunk Five Millions Have Been Deposited.

Many Typesetting Machines Put to Work on Dominion Lists.

Solicitor General Carroll May Make Way For Mr. Lemieu.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The announcement was made from Montreal today that the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters have deposited the necessary five million dollars as a guarantee for the sale of the official circles, however, this is denied. It is stated that before any deposit is made certain modifications in the contract will have to be made. Such modifications can only be effected by parliament.

The Rev. Mr. MacDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, is here today getting government pointers about the election campaign.

Twenty additional linotype machines were started today at work on the voters' lists.

All the sufferers by the Ottawa University fire are now doing well.

Mr. Madore, M. P., has got a judgeship.

Several judicial appointments are expected to be made tomorrow's cabinet meeting. It is likely that Solicitor General Carroll will retire and Mr. Lemieu, M. P. for Gaspe, will be appointed in his place.

Zachariah Wilson, 88 years of age, at one time collector of customs in

"Priestley's" Cravenette Rain Coats,

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Skookum Jim A Yukon Pioneer

Indian Who was one of the First to Locate on Bonanza's In Victoria.

His Brother-in-Law, George Carmack, Was the Discoverer of the Klondike.

On Turner & Beeton's wharf amongst the freight ready for shipment on the steamer Amur, which leaves for the Klondike on Saturday, a plan with the name "Skookum Jim" scrawled across its case, and on the wharf nearby is a letterbox canoe and a long Indian canoe, all painted with the name of Skookum Jim. Nine years ago Skookum Jim was a young man. He was on a Yukon river with his tribespeople hunting the moose and accumulating the dried salmon for the winter food. Now he is buying pianos and sending boxes of St. Charles cream, Quaker Oats and provisions galore from local wholesalers to his home at Cariboo crossing, and as the immortal William would say, thereby hangs a tale.

"Skookum Jim" is an Indian, and he has a white man for a brother-in-law. His brother-in-law is George Carmack, a Nova Scotia adventurer who was among the pioneer prospectors of the Yukon. Carmack and Henderson were in the Indian village of Skookum Jim, where the latter was a quaquaman, lived with his kloodman, when she told him of a gold filled creek. Then Carmack went over the divide and planted stakes on discovery claim on Bonanza creek, and Henderson staked nearby. The claims were staked for the Indian brothers-in-law, one being Skookum Jim, who took enough out of that Bonanza claim to make him as rich as any man need to be.

It was in August, 1896, that Skookum Jim followed his white brother-in-law to Bonanza. Forty-mile was then the Yukon metropolis, a collection of shacks, a bar and a store on a bend of the Yukon, and the "hardy" and "bold" of the Yukon made that place their headquarters before they loaded their pack of flour, tent and gun and started to seek for the will-of-the-wisp mother lode. Jack London, who has depicted the true local color of the Yukon in his stories of that country, as Bret Harte did of California, tells what happened when Carmack's find became known there in one of his recent tales of the North.

When Carmack and Skookum Jim and Tagish Charlie and located by the news of their discovery to the world, all Forty-Mile went. They didn't leave a corporal's guard in the cluster of cabins, and then up the river came canoes from Circle City, from Eagle, from all the camps on the lower river. Swift-water Bill was lying drunk in the bar at Forty-Mile, but the stampede didn't leave him, and taking him along they dumped him on to a claim to let him wake up and find himself in possession of a fortune which he has since "gone through." Up and down Bonanza the stampede placed their stakes and with pans and rockers, then with shovel and pickaxe, with fire and dynamite, the pans washed inside their shacks, they took the golden store from nature's treasure house.

And while they worked like a mule-team springing up in the night, first a city of tents, and then shacks, then cabins, with fire and dynamite, the pans washed inside their shacks, they took the golden store from nature's treasure house.

Later they found a Swede, and when he had been primed with bad whiskey they sold him the "moose" pasture for \$720. Then, thinking they had bonused him, they left to look for Too-Much-Gold creek. Three months later they returned and found the Swede with pans that washed nuggets that made their eyes stick out, and when the Swede calmly informed them in answer to queries if the claim was rich, that he "rank he bane wort" \$500,000 they nearly had a fit.

And all the while Skookum Jim and his relations delved in the golden sand, and panned out a fortune. And, as the piano and the pile of freight on the

wharf awaiting shipment on the Amur indicates he is not throwing his gold away as many of the pioneers of the Klondike have done, Skookum Jim has been in Victoria for some days, and left last night for Seattle to arrange some business before he leaves for the North to his new home at Cariboo crossing. He and his brother-in-law, living now at Cariboo, are interested in the new find at Bullion creek.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE HUNT.

The members of the Hunt Club will meet at the Gorge bridge at 2:45 p. m. today for a spin.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Rugby football match, announced to take place between the Nanaimo Indians and Victoria, this afternoon, has been postponed by request of the Coal City Association. Efforts will be made to bring the game off on Saturday the 12th inst. A general practice will be held this afternoon instead.

The intermediates left last evening on the Charmer to play the Vancouver Intermediates. When these teams met here the game resulted in a tie and the Vancouver full back, Duchesney, had his leg fractured.

Oak Bays vs. Centrals.

Today at 1:30 o'clock, Caledonia grounds, the Rugby match between the Oak Bays and the Centrals. Following is the Oak Bay team: Forwards, S. Coulson, J. Miller, A. Jells, J. Renouf, T. Fisher, R. McInnes, A. Hayman; half backs, T. Nason, A. Pitts; three-quarters, S. Sweeney, C. Morley, N. Scott, J. Gidley; backs, W. Winsby (capt.), Phair, Reserves, J. Fawcett and H. Reid. W. Morelby, referee.

BASKETBALL.

The following are the teams for the first league game of the season at the Drill Hall tonight:

Victoria West—Guards, W. Russell and W. Bloomfield; centre, F. Baker; forwards, C. and W. Fairall. Reserves, Cessford and Crocker.

Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Norcott and McCreary; centre, Whyte; forwards, Loveridge and Harte.

The game will start at 8:30 prompt.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The North Ward school will play a friendly game this morning against St. Louis College at Beacon Hill at 10 o'clock. The North Ward team will line up as follows: Goal, Sid Hunter; full backs, E. Taylor, J. Hall; half backs, C. Bishop, R. Patten, T. Johnston; forwards, C. McCarter, C. McIntosh, A. Penketh, G. Bishop, A. McGregor. Reserves, H. Cousins, G. Gill.

The following players will represent the North Ward against the Capitals this afternoon at 2 o'clock: Backs, V. Auld, W. Kingston; half backs, W. Cox, N. Tait, W. Wensley; forwards, C. Coughlin, Jenkins, S. O'Neil, H. Campbell, J. Dakers; goal, N. Seabrook.

Owing to the wreck of H. M. S. Flora, the constant sailing of H. M. S. Griffin, the match, advertised to be played this afternoon at Beacon Hill, between a team from that ship and the Victorias, has been postponed until further notice. The Victorias will hold a practice instead.

A match will be played this afternoon between the Victoria West Intermediates and an eleven representing the Capitals. The team to represent Victoria West will be selected from the following: Lawler, Willisroft, Muir, Baker, Jones, Monaghan, Tait, Baker, McArthur, Stephens, Province Stewart Anderson and Strachan.

PERSONALS.

H. W. Bullock, president of the Salt Spring Island Creamery Association, arrived in the city last evening.

W. J. Lapointe, a well known Vancouver business man, came over on last night's steamer from Vancouver.

Miss Grace Helen Bradley, the Tacoma soloist, who delighted the large audience at "The Creation" concert on Wednesday evening, left for home last evening.

White here, Miss Bradley was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks.

Dr. Ernest and Mrs. Hall came over from Vancouver last evening on the Charmer.

Captain Gardner Johnson arrived in the city last evening from Vancouver.

B. W. and Mrs. Greer are paying a visit to relatives in the city.

D. Shade and daughters of Nanaimo, are at the Queen's.

Mrs. J. W. Harvey and daughter of Hazelton, Pa., are at the Queen's.

J. Westman of Dawson; F. Abbott and B. Payne of Vancouver, are at the Queen's.

The real name of Gabriele D'Annunzio, whose "Mitta Corta" has been prohibited by the censor, is Gaetano Rappaguetto. The dramatist is a son of Duchess Maria Galesse de Roma. He is a musician as well as a playwright and has a son who has a certain celebrity as a mandolinist.

Steamer Moana In the Dry Dock

Sudden Departure of Grafton Allows Liner to Get on the Blocks.

Many Liners On the Way From the Orient—Amur Sails Tonight.

Steamer Moana, which has been lying at the Ocean docks since she met with her accident at William Head, on arrival here from the Antipodes, was taken around to the Esplanade dry dock yesterday morning for repairs. The big steamer Shawmut, of the Boush & S. Co., which is one of the six liners now on route from Yokohama to Victoria, is expected to reach the Ocean docks on Monday next, and on the day following the steamer Empress of India is expected to arrive from Yokohama. The steamer Indragiri is due on Thursday next and the Pielades, Aki Maru and Onaka are also en route, the latter coming via San Francisco, having been chartered to carry six thousand tons of cargo to that port for the Occidental and Oriental Company.

The H. M. S. Empress of India, on her arrival from the Orient, will be made ready to carry the garrison artillerymen from Work Point to Hongkong. On her outward voyage the steamer will embark the soldiers at the Ocean docks. She is to carry Company No. 25, R. G. A., now stationed at Work Point, and which is to be transferred to Hongkong. She sails on the 28th inst. All told there are 125 members of the company and six officers, as follows: Major Gordon, Capt. Wakefield and Lieuts. Whyte, Cameron, Millman and Allen. The steamer Tatar has been laid off at Hongkong, where she has been placed in a dry dock for repairs. She will also receive new boilers and other improvements before leaving the Chinese port.

NO SURVIVORS.

U. S. S. Rush Found Nothing More From Lost Steamer Discovery.

Not a survivor of the wrecked Nome steamer Discovery had been found by the United States revenue cutter Rush, which was dispatched from Sitka to the search, up to December 1. On the latter date the Rush was shown at Yakutat by the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, Capt. Knudsen. A cablegram to this effect was received yesterday from Sitka. The message read: "Steamer Bertha reported speaking the revenue cutter Rush at Yakutat, December 1. No further news of the steamer Discovery."

How long the Rush had been searching up to the time it was spoken by the Bertha is not known here. Possibly she had covered the entire stretch of beach from Cross Sound to Kayak and had returned to Yakutat. In any event she had centred nothing new either as to survivors or the machine of the lost of the Discovery, or the Bertha's officers would have so reported. The Bertha had made Kayak before putting in at Yakutat, so she evidently gleaned nothing there as to the loss of the vessel in addition to the information given by J. B. Pitt, Fred Hinkley and other runners travelling out along the beach from Yakutat.

It was at Yakutat that the Discovery was last seen. She made that port, and set sail for Seattle November 2. Between the latter date and November 10, the day her wreckage was found at the mouth of Seal river, she met her fate.

MARINE NOTES.

British ship Pass of Killarney, which has been discharging cargo at the Ocean dock, completed discharging yesterday.



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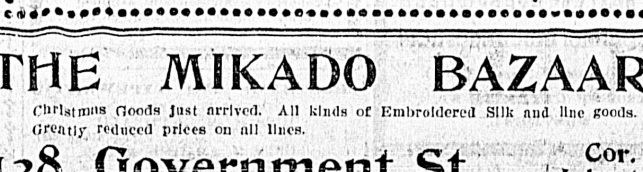
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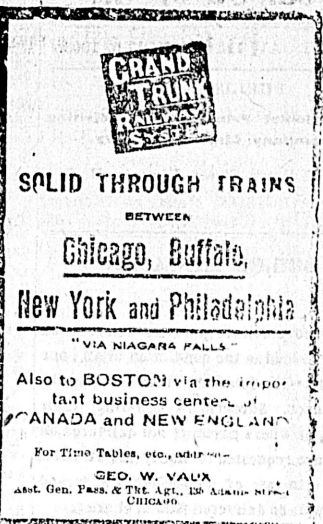
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AN IMPERIAL OPPORTUNITY AND NECESSITY.

It appears only too likely that as a result of a cotton crop failure in the Southern States, the cotton spinning and manufacturing districts of Lancashire and Cheshire, with at least 2,000,000 people more or less dependent on the industry, may again have to suffer, and this for a long season, from terrible depression. Yesterday the receipt at Liverpool and Manchester of the news of an officially estimated heavy deficiency of the American cotton crop of this season caused the price of that raw material to rise by 28 points and upwards, so that the value of the commodity approached famine rates.

This news, it corroborated, means such a scarcity of the raw material that most of the mills and manufacturing districts of Lancashire and Cheshire will shortly have no alternative to either very short time employment or absolute stoppage of work for many months, as the chief other available source of cotton supply, Egypt being one of these, are merely supplementary to that of the Southern States, whilst in some cases the fibre thus produced, is only suitable for certain classes of cotton goods.

This coming trouble of a great English, or rather British, industry for cotton spinning districts in the West of Scotland will also suffer, so too, certain districts in Eastern Canada, affords another but too telling example of the evil results of a "laissez faire" industrial policy, against which Mr. Chamberlain, when Colonial Secretary, warned his countrymen. For long years British cotton industrialists have been content to rely for their chief supplies of raw material on the Southern States of the great republic which is our neighbor, regardless of the fact that the United States were themselves absorbing a larger portion of the home product for their own mills and factories, and of the risk run by a too large reliance on one source of production, quite capable of interruption by general failure of crop.

Cotton growing on a very considerable scale should long ago, in common prudence, have been encouraged equally by the state and by organized British industrialism in various colonies and dependencies of the Empire, whose soils and climates are adapted to such cultivation. Now, when it is probably too late to avoid sad temporary trouble, an effort has been made to accomplish an absolutely necessary work of Imperial moment, and cotton sowing is largely as a result of Mr. Chamberlain's endeavors when Colonial Secretary—proceeding at points in British protected Lower Egypt and Sudan, in the West Indies and in Western Africa.

The success of these efforts—a matter already fairly assured in several cases—means that in a few years England, Scotland and Canada should no longer be almost solely dependent for the raw material of a great manufacture upon the Southern States, but have sufficiently large alternative sources of supply within the Empire. Meanwhile, however, British industrial districts of millions of people have to learn by stern necessity, that great trades cannot be assured steady continuance under a "laissez faire" policy. They must in these days develop instead—and in some cases by at least first aid from the state—all possible opportunities of creating and maintaining an Empire capable, should occasion require it, of complete self-sustenance by means of thoroughly developed industrial inter-communication.

DANGER IN DELAY.

It seems clear, now that a Dominion general election is near at hand, as anticipated by the heads of the Conservative party but until now unadmitted by Canada's Liberal administrators, who had apparently to persuade a number of their Parliamentary followers of the inadvisability from their party's standpoint, of the previous holding of a short session with its usual accompanying session.

Now, however, the die is cast, for the Toronto Globe, which certainly should know, bids every Liberal Association in the Dominion make ready for the fray, and it is understood that these associations have also received even more direct advice to the same effect.

It should be needless to remind all good Conservatives and active Conservative Associations to make ready on their part to respond to the call to arms, of which, as already mentioned, they received due warning from the Dominion party leaders some time since.

Our party in the country generally is united and in good heart and under capable leadership, whilst the spread of dissension in the ranks of our Liberal opponents has undoubtedly precipitated the coming conflict, for which the gage is about to be thrown down. This gage Conservatives will, if we be not greatly mistaken, take up boldly and confidently, with very large hope of success.

for in some constituencies much ground was lost at the last Dominion general election by undue delay in the choice of Conservative candidates, whose opponents meanwhile half covered the field and obtained at least some pledges afterwards fulfilled, that might not so easily and so readily have been obtained had their entrances upon active canvasses been simultaneous with, and not in advance of those of their Conservative antagonists.

Such an advantage was, if we mistake not, gained by our opponents at the last Dominion general election in the important constituency of New Westminster, and there were other instances in point, if not in this, then certainly in other Provinces, to serve as a warning on the present occasion.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

The Government is, with the aid of a business-like House, making such excellent progress with the measures in hand that it is hoped to have all the bills now introduced passed by Friday next, and then to adjourn the legislature until the eleventh of January. The expedition thus displayed is quite exceptional, and "creditable all round," as there is no sign that this despatch of business is proceeding at any sacrifice of care and efficiency.

Hence our legislators are well earning a rather longer Christmas holiday than usual.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The bill taking away powers conferred on the Provincial government by an act of a previous session, under which the revenue or poll tax might be raised from \$3 to \$5, is at the instance of our present administrators, being repealed with general consent. The measure will now pass into law almost immediately. In promptly introducing it and passing it, at once through all stages, Mr. McBride and his colleagues have done well and redeemed another of their ante-election pledges.

A poll tax of \$3 is as large a due as can reasonably be imposed by a Provincial Government on most of those who have to pay it, as in this and every other country, a majority of the payers of such a tax are men who have to live by daily earnings, the average of which is not very high.

The Socialist members of the legislature declined yesterday to be drawn by the slightly soured "chaff" of the member for Alberni, having no intention to let him take them for geese.

It seems that Representative Livernash, of California, has introduced a joint resolution in the United States House "defining the intention of the United States concerning the Isthmus of Panama." It disclaims on the part of the United States any intention to impair Colombian sovereignty or to support the Republic of Panama against Colombia, or to interfere in the relations between Colombia and Panama. It is, however, safe to predict that the House of Representatives will, on this occasion, disclaim Mr. Livernash and not the nice little "protected" Republic of Panama. President Roosevelt has won the game of snap, and most of the lookers-on in the House are well pleased at his success.

Those mining men—some of them industrialists of large practical experience in this Province—who complain of the incidence of the two per cent. mineral tax, have now an excellent opportunity of suggesting a practicable substitute. The Finance Minister and his colleagues have announced their readiness to accept such a proposal, but it seems uncommonly difficult for anyone not intimately connected with the industry, to devise an alternative method for revenue production that will, without liability to easy evasion, yield a fair return in taxation duly adjusted and distributed. The amount produced by the tax is seemingly not more than it should be in regard to the large and growing aggregate value of our metal production, the facilitating of which calls for very heavy Provincial expenditure in our mining districts for road and trail making, bridge building, education, police protection and other necessary purposes. It is not seemingly, on the merits, so much a case for a reduction of the aggregate receipts from mineral dues, as of distributing their burden more equitably as between high and low grade mines, and large and small profit earners, respectively. Now, therefore, is the opportunity for expert aid from our mining men. Some of them will surely take and make good use of it.

The Times made the other day a telling reply in a few words to an argument by Sir William Harcourt to the effect that there was no need for a country to take special care as to the balance of trade, since its imports had to be paid in some manner, by means of some product of value.

This signifies, says the Times, that in Sir William's view "there is not the least need to inquire how our income is getting on. But the Bankruptcy Court exists solely for the purpose of dealing with gentlemen who adopt this consolatory view in private life. Any trading company that has once occupied a good position, can go on for quite a considerable time after its business has ceased to pay. It can deplete its stores, it can starve its plant, it can over-value its securities, it can water its capital, it can deteriorate its staff by getting less efficient men at lower salaries. But the end is always the same, and the end is insolvency, though its approach may be concealed for a long time. Now the British Empire is a very big and complicated concern, offering large opportunities for the familiar process of inferring income from expenditure. The results are not very marked in a year or two. Dividends may be paid long after they have ceased to be earned, and the various partners may even increase the splendor of their style of living. But if nothing be regarded except the style of living and the magnificent increase of expenditure, if a palpable deficiency of visible income be made light of on the plea that there is an invisible income, the amount of which nobody knows, then some day the partners in the finest concern in the world will have a rude awakening."

CHORAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor.
Sir,—With the performance of the Creation at the Metropolitan church on Wednesday evening, it is an assured fact that in Victoria we have a body of singers that are able and willing to undertake other first class oratorios. In Mr. Gideon Hicks we have a good conductor; his whole soul is in his work, and he has the confidence of those who have had the pleasure to be under his baton.

The Metropolitan church has proved a splendid building for such performances; in fact, there is no other building in Victoria suitable. I was sorry to learn that other works are proposed being given during the season at two other churches and under different conductors. Now, sir, in my opinion, this is a great mistake and not satisfactory to many of those who take part and give their services so willingly.

It would be much better to form a "Choral Society" under Mr. Gideon Hicks, and have the works performed in the Metropolitan church, the proceeds, after paying expenses, to be divided between the other churches who require a helping hand. I quite agree with the remarks made by Mr. Howe last evening when he said the pleasure it gave him to see so many fine voices, to be debilitated by the other churches on one common platform—that I say is looking at the question in a right light.

I am quite sure if my idea were carried out we should be able to give three good performances during the season; have a body of singers worth listening to, and an orchestra which would be properly trained for such work. Not, as now proposed, scattered all over the city, one place suitable for some and not for others, and each time you meet new singers who require a certain amount of ground work to be done over again, so causing more unnecessary work for the conductors, and very likewise for those who wish to do better class of works.

I hope before commencing these works now proposed in other churches a meeting will be called to talk over the question I have raised, and see what can be done to form a Choral Society on a thoroughly workable basis.

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PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The amount of ore received at the Hall Mines smelter during the month of November amounted to 3,482 tons. The ore shipped was 538 tons.—Nelson News.

August K. Stuart, of Greenwood, who has been over in Germany and other countries on the continent for the past six months is on his way home. He arrived in Victoria last night and leaves for his home this morning. Mr. Stuart is one of the pioneer newspaper men of the Kootenays, having started his first paper within a few days of John Houston's first venture.—Nelson News.

G. W. Cornish, an Australian mining expert, arrived in Nelson last night from Ottawa. Mr. Cornish came to Canada about ten days ago from England with the intention of looking up some mining propositions in B. C. which he has been commissioned to secure by Australian capitalists. Mr. Cornish was the mining representative of the Queensland government at the Glasgow exhibition in 1901, and also at the Earlscourt exhibition. He leaves for Victoria tomorrow morning, where he intends to make his headquarters while he thoroughly explores the country.—Nelson News.

As an instance of the improvement in business conditions in Nelson during the past twelve months, some figures shown to a reporter of the Daily News yesterday by the manager of one of the local wholesale establishments are interesting. In the month of September this firm did over \$4,000 more business than during the corresponding month of the previous year. Some more figures were given in October, 1902, and \$5,000 more in November, 1902, than in November, 1901. Other local wholesalers have also done a much larger business this year, and from all indications the increase is steadily growing. The payroll in and tributary to Nelson is considerably more than double what it was a year ago.—Nelson News.

The action which has been taken in connection with the reduction of the expenses of the civil service, is one that will meet with hearty support from the people. It is to be hoped that what has already been done is but the beginning of such a thorough reorganization of the service, as will ensure efficient performance of all necessary duties, without the employment of a superfluity of officials.—Vernon News.

The corporation has commenced the first of the long list of actions threatened to secure the payment of delinquent taxes. Yesterday writ was issued in the supreme court by the city against the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, and the facts in connection therewith are of interest. The corporation is not in the position of refusing to pay taxes, but a question has arisen as to whether these taxes shall be paid to the province or the city. In view of this point being at issue, it is probable that the attorney-general will be joined as a defendant in the action. The power company has always paid its taxes without a murmur, and now stands ready to defend the sum as soon as it shall be judicially determined which interest is entitled to receive the sums and give the company a clearance.—Rossland Miner.

The Liberal Conservative Club was formally inaugurated on Sunday evening last. The club rooms recently occupied by the government engineering staff were full to overflowing by members of the Chilliwack Liberal-Conservative party, and great enthusiasm prevailed among those present, who were presided over by S. A. Cawley. After a few minutes of prayer, the best method of conducting the club, the following were elected as the first officers thereof, to hold office until the annual general meeting: Hon. President, G. Ashwell; president, G. H. V. Ashwell; vice-president, A. Leslie; secretary, H. H. Wilmet; treasurer, C. B. Reeves, who, with a committee of three, viz: W. A. Thornton, Samuel Ford, J. C. Buckle, had the executive committee—Chilliwack Progress.

PRESS COMMENT.

Much is said concerning the British lion, but the Irish lion, which is represented by the Clan-na-Gael remnant in the United States, is evidently in evidence for a toothless beast, but he can still roar most lustily. The Irish lion was in evidence at the recent celebration of the anniversary of the execution of the so-called "Manchurian candidate," who was justly hanged for killing an English policeman who resisted the rescue of his prisoner.—Portland Oregonian.

We believe that the plain speaking of Canadians on the Alaska boundary question has done good, not harm. It has compelled Englishmen to pause and consider the effects of their policy of making the United States supreme on this continent. Imperialism cannot stand upon a solid basis; and no basis is solid that does not include full discussion, open confession and free speech.—Toronto World.

The New England cotton operatives are accepting the proposed reductions in wages without striking. The cotton workers seem a wise one. The workers lose no money unnecessarily, as they keep their organization intact. The signs of the times are not all being disregarded.—Montreal Gazette.

Hudson's Bay will be the next point for negotiations. The American fishermen who have inherited their fathers' streamer, and in those waters will be reluctant to give it up.—Toronto Globe.

The Globe knows that subscriptions of \$5,000 and over to the \$100,000 fund are not uncommon. It knows that \$25,000 is a bezzary fund for a general election in Ontario. It knows that the large subscriptions of corporations and of selfish individuals for political legislation go generally to governments, rather than to oppositions.—Toronto News.

The only way in which Premier Ross can escape censure for the work of the "baronets" in the bye-elections is by pleading that he was in no wise cognizant of their work. This plea his journalistic counsel can set up only at a low level of his reputation for astuteness. If they plead instead that he may have known about it but could not prevent it, he loses

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A SONG.

Far in a western brookland
That bred me long ago,
The poplars stand and tremble
By pools I used to know.

There, in the windless night-time
The wanderer, marvelling why,
Hails on the bridge to hearken
How soft the poplars sigh.

He hears; long since forgotten
In fields where I was known,
Here I lie down in London
And turn to rest alone.

There, by the starlit fens,
The wanderer halts and hears
My soul that lingers sighing
About the glimmering weirs.
—A. E. Housman, in McClure's.

MEN AND THINGS.

England makes but a third of the machinery used by its farmers. The remainder, \$1,385,000 worth of it, comes from America, and \$212,000 worth from Canada.

Colonel Cortina of the Mexican army, has presented President Diaz with a saddle that cost \$20,000. The Colonel has spent seven years superintending its production. It is possible that the saddle will be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition.

A petition has been sent to Rome, asking that Washington, D. C. be made an archdiocese instead of the Baltimore see. The request is made on the ground that a prelate of high rank should be stationed at the national capital of the United States. The petitioners also ask that Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., be placed at the head of the new see.

The British government has decided to be more liberal with its soldiers and sailors in giving them sugar and coffee. Among the experts in such matters the belief has been gaining ground for years that more strict allowances of sweet stuff and of the Arabian berry are beneficial to strong, healthy men, who are called upon to perform heavy tasks and endure hardships, while the entire medical profession appears to be inclined to the view that weak and feeble men, women and children should, as a rule, refuse such indulgences.

Dr. George Wyld, in his "Notes of May Life," gives a charming sketch of Professor Blackie, of whom he writes that much of his popularity was due to his affectionate, loving and perfectly truthful nature, his free and outspoken but never bitter speech, and his habit of frequently bursting into song—a custom somewhat alarming on occasions.

RISIBILITIES.

"Such weather!" exclaimed Mr. Henry Peck. "I'm free to say this—"

"What's that, Henry?" interrupted his wife.

"Beg pardon, my dear," he began again meekly. "I mean 'with your permission I'm free to say' this is the worst climate under the sun."—Philadelphia Press.

"Aim high," said the successful business man.

"That's just like a feller that don't know nothing," "burt shootin'," commented the backwoodsman. "Most every boy with his first gun aims so durned high he don't git nothin' an' it looks to me like it's that way in business sometimes."—Chicago Post.

Teacher—Now, Johnny, I think I have shown you how wicked it is to fight. Now, what do you think of that, Johnny? You wouldn't notice him, would you?

Johnny—How big is the boy, teacher?

Teacher—He's about the size of the new baby, thoughtfully, "I believe he has his father's hair."

"I wouldn't be surprised," replied the candid friend, "his father certainly hasn't got it now."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

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john and Emma B. Shaw, both of
Olympia, Wash., were married at the
Hotel Victoria last evening at 7.30 by
the Rev. H. J. Wood of the Church of
Our Lord.K. of M. Meeting.—On Tuesday evening
next a meeting of the Knights of
Maccabees will be held at the K. of P.
hall. The main business of the evening
will be the election of officers for the
ensuing term.Organ Recital.—The second of the
series of Advent organ recitals will be
given at St. John's church after evening
on Sunday, when the organist will be as-
sisted by the following vocalists: Miss
Queenie McCoy, Miss Eva Haughton
and Mr. William Hicks.Mail Facilities.—The post office de-
partment has made arrangements for
three round trips from Wrangell to Tele-
graph Creek during the winter months
for the distribution of mail. The mails
will leave the coast on January 1, Feb-
ruary 1, and March 1, next, and J. P.
Calvert has been appointed carrier.New Machinery.—Much new machin-
ery having recently been added to the
plant of the Victoria Steam Laundry, it
places them in a position not only to
handle a much greater volume of work,
but to turn the work out with greater
expedition and satisfaction to all con-
cerned.Death at Hospital.—On Thursday
evening Miss Gertrude Fanny Craft,
youngest daughter of the late Wm.
Craft, died at the Jubilee hospital. She
was 16 years of age and a native of
Victoria. The funeral has been arranged
to take place from the family resi-
dence, Craigflower road, tomorrow at 2
p.m. and 2.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's
church.Card of Thanks.—At a business meet-
ing of the ladies' societies of St. Barna-
baptist parish, held on Wednesday last,
much satisfaction was felt at the way
at which parishioners and friends assisted
at their recent sale of work held in
the Victoria hall, and especially for the
beautiful way the retirement tables
were provided for, a hearty vote of
thanks being accorded to all.Santa Claus.—The management of
the Edison theatre have received a wire
from Santa Claus stating that he would
arrive here Monday, December 14th, and
make his headquarters at their theatre
during matinees each day. He will have
presents for all the little children, and
they request that all letters to Santa
Claus will be sent in care Edison the-
atre.The Long Home.—The funeral of the
late Mrs. Geo. Sluggert took place
yesterday afternoon from the family
residence, First street, the Rev. E. G.
Miller, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Vichari,
conducting the service. A large number
were attended, and many beautiful floral
emblems were presented. The follow-
ing gentlemen acted as pallbearers: A.
Taylor, R. Sluggert, E. H. Griffiths, G.
F. Tanner, C. H. French and P. J.
Sluggert.R. E. Bazaar.—The bazaar given by
the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal
church in Philharmonic hall, came to a
close last night, and was very suc-
cessful. The musical programme, "A Dairy
Maids' Festival," with its milkmaids,
cows and Canadian scenery, was re-
peated with the same charm which char-
acterized the previous performances.The winners of the various raffles were:
Baby's cradle, Mrs. R. Jones; doll, Mrs.
M. L. Marshall; lace counterpane, Mrs.
E. Schoor; and doll, Miss Ethel Hel-
mcken. The winners can secure their
prizes from Mrs. McTavish.Drill Hall Concert.—This evening the
first game of the Senior Basket Ball
League, in connection with the regular
Drill hall concert will be played in the
first half of the programme, and will
start at 8.40 sharp. Below is appended
the complete programme:PART I.
Overture—Morning, Noon and Night Supper
(Ballet), etc., etc., Victoria West
Character Piece—Creole Queen.....Hall
Basketball—Second Half.....
PART II.
Selection from "The Merry Widow".....Herbert
Character Piece—Dance of the Fireflies.....Losey
Concert Valse—Wedding of the Winds, Hall
March—Chicago Tribune.....Chambers
God Save the King.Fish and Game Club.—The Fish and
Game Club held another important meet-
ing last night at the Tourist Association
rooms. Mr. Edmond Messinger reported
that a very successful meeting had been
held at Duncan, attended by himself
and Messrs. Hartnagle and Cuthbert,
and which he believed would do a
great deal of good. Mr. Thymie, repre-
senting the Vancouver Game Club, was
present at last night's meeting and dis-
cussed at some length the Game Act
with the Victoria sportsmen. He will
stay over today and will go through the
act very carefully with a select com-
mittee, from the Victoria Club, after
which it will be ready for the printers.
The petition with reference to fishing
regulations was also discussed.

HEAVY DAMAGES SOUGHT.

Capt. Johnstone Claims \$3,000 From
Capt. Oliver of Skidegate.In the Supreme court yesterday before
the chief justice, the case of Johnstone
vs. Oliver was continued. This is the
action for \$3,000 damages which plain-
tiff claims as a result of the loss of
this season's fishing off the Queen Char-
lotte islands as a result of the defend-
ant having held fifteen tons of fish, for
which he had taken to Skidegate to salt
the halibut taken off that port. Captain
Johnstone, formerly of the Pacific Fish-
ing Company, which fished off the
Queen Charlottes with the schooner Nel-
lie G. Thurston, gave evidence, as did
defendant, who owns the wharf at
Skidegate, had held his salt in the ware-
house and refused to deliver it to him,
as a result of which he lost his season's
fishing. Peter Nelson, a fisherman, gave
evidence of how the fishermen engaged
by Johnstone caught halibut, but had
to throw them away as a result of their
not being able to get salt.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

A Number of Minor Appointments and
Some Companies Incorporated.Following are notices appearing in the
Official Gazette, issued yesterday:
Lemon Bean (Incorporated), of Anns-
worth, to be a justice of the peace in and
for the province of British Columbia.
Theophilus Richard Hardiman, of
Lower Nicola, to be a justice of the peace
in and for the province of British
Columbia.John Stanley Barris, of Kamloops, M. D.,
to be a coroner in and for the province
of British Columbia, vice Dr. M. S.
Wade.Andrew Colin McDiarmid, M. D., to be
resident physician at Atlin, vice Dr.
H. E. Young.Certificates of incorporation have been
granted to the following companies:
Fred Irving Company, Ltd., capital
\$50,000; Lida Traffic Company, Ltd.,
capital, \$150,000; Nescon Brewing & Ice
Company, Ltd., capital, \$60,000; Pacific
Pile Preserving Co., Ltd., capital \$20,
000; Stanley Dollar Co., Ltd., capital
\$50,000; Surrey Shingle Manufacturing
Co., capital \$15,000; The Lake Hula
Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; Trust
Agency & Loan Corporation, Ltd., cap-
ital, \$20,000.Two hundred and fifty-six coal pros-
pecting licenses were issued during No-
vember, the names of the licensees being
gazetted.On and after December 1st the min-
ing divisions known as the Bennett lake
and Chikil mining divisions were abol-
ished and the territory within them
merged in the Atlin lake mining divi-
sion.

The date of holding a court of revision

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bottled.for the purpose of revising the register
of voters for the Similkameen electoral
district has been fixed for Monday, Feb-
ruary 8th.The partnership heretofore exist-
ing between Thos. B. Atkins and J. M. At-
kins, carrying on the druggist business
in Vancouver and Nanaimo, has been
dissolved by mutual consent.A list of the barristers and solicitors
of the Supreme court, who have taken
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them to practice until November 1, 1904,
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1 tablespoonful salt
2 tablespoonfuls of butter

Melt the butter, add the onion and brown; then add the vegetables and seasonings to cold water; cover and cook slowly one hour; strain carefully and while hot add the Beef Extract stirring until it is thoroughly dissolved. Add more salt and pepper if necessary. Cool as quickly as possible. This stock is used for a number of soups and should be made in considerable quantities and kept in a cool place until it is all used.

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Board Of Trade Passes Resolution

Discussion on Mr. Morley's Motion Attended By Many Members.

Meeting Ends By Endorsing Unanimously An Important Proposition.

President Todd presided last evening at the adjourned Board of Trade meeting. The attendance was very large, and showed the intense interest displayed in the discussion on the following resolution, which was the business of the evening. Moved by Mr. Morley:

"Whereas the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade has reason to believe that powerful influence, alien in sympathy and character, is being brought to bear upon the Imperial and Dominion governments to secure the abolition of pelagic sealing under the British flag, and whereas the sealing industry being of great importance as a source of revenue to the Dominion, and the fact that its abolition would prove a serious blow to the business interests of this community.

"Be it therefore resolved, that the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade does hereby urge upon the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial governments, the great necessity of fostering, safeguarding and perpetuating the sealing industry, and that this board most earnestly protests against consideration being given to any proposal which shall tend to the abolition of the rights of pelagic sealing to British subjects.

"Be it further resolved, that copies of this preamble and resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the colonial secretary of the Imperial government, to the Hon. Richard McBride, and to each Victoria member of the Dominion and Provincial governments, and that the Provincial government be urged to do all in its power to further safeguard the interests of Victoria and the province."

Moritz Gutmann opened the discussion by referring to the facilities afforded the sealing industry when the industry was first instituted by using Victoria as home port, although it was cheaper to outfit on the American side. He said he thought that even if the United States sealers did kill off all the seals on the port of the islands, that there should still be money in the sealing industry, because there were very many seals still in existence outside these islands. He thought that the reason so few boats were now in commission was because of the difficulty to obtain crews of hunters.

Mr. D. R. Ker referred to the letters and matter published in yesterday's issue of the Colonist, and said that he found it very interesting reading. He said the letter sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier fully covered the ground, and contained more weight than the resolution before the meeting. He admitted that he knew but little of the sealing industry, but he claimed that there was no reason for further action by the Board of Trade at this juncture. He said that the sealing industry was undoubtedly a boon to Victoria, but Victoria could not dictate to the sealing company. He said he should mostly certainly use his influence to stop the industry being sold without the country being compensated. He thought the government would never permit sealing to be stopped, and then not see that those interested be again permitted to engage in the business. He then read the letter sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in case, as he said, anybody present had not yet read it.

George Carter said that he seemed a disposition to draw a red herring across the trail. He should be sorry to say that the sealing company had not the right to sell to whom they pleased for what they thought was a good figure. He thought, however, that while the fleet was the property of the sealing company, the industry was Victoria's, and as far as he was concerned he should stand for the rights of the people to the bitter end.

D. W. Higgins said how pleased he was that his motion to adjourn at the last meeting had carried by such a large majority. He was glad Mr. Carter had said that the business of the evening was the business of the sealing industry, she had not, and if the sealing company cared to change their home port nobody could stop them. He said he thought if the board passed this resolution it would do a lot of harm. He quoted figures to show how the seal herd was diminishing. He was prepared to go as far as any other member of the board to hold on to what was virtually an inheritance. He said that Victoria had lost much, but much remains. After careful investigation, he was inclined to believe that the rumors of the proposed buying of the sealing fleet was exaggerated, and he was not able to trace any truth in the report. He then moved the following amendment:

"Whereas there is in circulation a rumor to the effect that influence is being brought to bear upon the Imperial and Dominion governments to induce those governments to consent to the suspension of pelagic seal fishing under the British flag forever;

"And whereas, in the opinion of the Victoria Board of Trade, such suspension, if enforced towards British subjects only, would be unjust and prejudicial to British interests, unless it shall apply to land as well as sea fishing, and to American and Japanese and all other fishermen as well as to British fishermen;

"Be it, therefore, resolved, that, in the opinion of the board, no policy should be adopted that will lead to the permanent suspension of seal fishing or any suspension of seal fishing by British subjects unless the regulations agreed upon shall extend to and be enforced against citizens and subjects of the United States and Japan, and all other countries, and that the pursuit of seals be suspended on land as well as sea for a period not exceeding five years."

C. H. Lugin seconded the amendment, and said that he believed that while the resolution and amendment differed materially, that the mover of the resolution had in mind the same ideas as the mover of the amendment. He said he was satisfied that all the supporters of the resolution wanted was to see that the right of Canadians to seal on the high seas was not sacrificed. He thought that the members of the sealing company were too patriotic themselves to sacrifice the rights of the people, and he thought that it was high time that Canadians stood on their rights and absolutely refused to sacrifice any more of them, whether for local or Imperial interests, and hoped that the proposed international hatchery on the Fraser river would not be entertained for one minute. He said, "not because we are Canadians, not because we are British subjects, but because we are men we will not allow our rights to be sacrificed for the sake of any desire for gain by our neighbors."

He showed how Mr. Morley's resolution might give the United States government room to argue that Canadians are in favor of stopping pelagic sealing under the British flag.

Mr. Morley said he could not see any reason why Mr. Higgins should endeavor to introduce a resolution which was abstract for one which was plain, viz., his own. He said there was an error in the letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In the letter the statement was made that the "unanimous consent of this board" etc. He said it was not the board, but the council, two vastly different propositions, as the board did not, as a whole, know anything of the matter until it was mentioned at the last meeting.

Mr. Morley explained that the council intended to be an independent body, the board instead of taking all the members into full confidence. Why he objected so much to Mr. Higgins' amendment was because he mixed the safeguarding of the industry with the stopping of sealing. He claimed that his resolution was not in the least prejudicial to the sealing company's rights. His idea was to safeguard the industry, and he moved that the previous motion be now put.

Mr. Higgins said a motion cannot be put until the amendment has been disposed of.

Dr. Milne endorsed Mr. Higgins' stand, and claimed parliamentary rules

were in force even in board of trade meetings. He wanted to hear full discussion, and did not want to vote until he had heard it.

S. J. Pitts said he endorsed the two last clauses of the resolution, but objected to the preamble. Walter Walker said Mr. Morley had accused several members of burking, and it was scarcely courteous. He said there was no intention of burking the vote. The letter referred to had fully covered the ground, and he was satisfied that if any restrictions were placed on the sealing that hunters and owners should be recompensed. He favored the amendment proposed by Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Shalcross took objection to Mr. Morley's statement, and stated that the figures he read were Canadian figures and were not American contentions. He stated that fifty-one members of the sealing company had lived here for over twenty years, and said that the preamble suggested that the members of the sealing company were aliens.

Mr. Morley explained that he referred entirely to United States influence. Mr. Shalcross, continuing showed how much business was in jeopardy by the loss of the sealing industry to the business men of Victoria. At twenty per cent on last year's catch it amounted to about \$10,000. He should vote on Mr. Higgins' amendment.

Phil R. Smith, speaking on the amendment, said he did not agree with Mr. Ker that the letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier covered the ground. He said that so far there had been no denial from the sealing company that more than the actual fleet was not to be sold. He quoted "The Year Book" that the sealers were worth \$100 per ton, and he claimed that the sealing company were being offered \$40 per ton, and the boats to be handed back. He inferred that the sealing company were selling national rights, and that was what the mover and supporters of the motion were trying to stop.

James Simon said he was convinced that there was no call for further action in this matter and referred to Mr. Morley's statement that the council was not acting in perfect sympathy with the board.

Anton Henderson said the sealing company had every right to sell their sealers, but they had no right to sell their right to hunt seals. He said he did not know of the officers of the sealing company intended doing so, but rumor said they did. He was deeply opposed to closing the industry for even one season.

Mr. Flint endorsed the preamble and the resolution. He said: "Why should we be forced to relinquish our inherent rights as Canadians just because a few gentlemen want to sell their private rights in a commercial concern?"

J. L. Bonaster seconded the resolution, because he thought the letter already referred to fully covered the matter. He said he thought it would be a good idea to give the rest of the evening to the sealing company and asked them to deny the charges. He then referred to Mr. Lugin's remarks on the preamble and the words "alien in sympathy," and he called on Mr. Morley to fully explain the meaning of the words.

Dr. Milne spoke in favor of the amendment, and called attention to the fact that the amendment called for the cessation of sealing by all nations and not by any one. He thought there might be a recompense to those whose living depended on the industry.

Mr. Oliver, manager of the Bank of British North America, said he opposed the resolution because it was not well worded. He did not want the industry stopped. But if it were stopped for, say five years, the seals would become extinct. He had taken the liberty of asking Capt. Cox to say why it was unwise to make the faces of the matter known.

Capt. Cox explained the action of the United States government since 1880. The Imperial government came to the rescue and stopped acts of violence by the United States government. The United States government then appealed to Great Britain and the tribunal was held. He outlined the methods of the United States government to obtain rebuttal evidence and of the secrecy the sealing men had to keep to hold their own. It had cost, he said, the sealing company \$150,000 to maintain the very rights which several members claimed were now being sold to the American government. He said it was a shame that Mr. Morley should accuse them of selling the rights either to the United States government or anybody else, because there was not one grain of truth in the matter. He thought the city of Victoria should have a representative as well as the sealing company on the forthcoming commission, and he only wished that a member had been representing Victoria and its business interests in former commissions.

The amendment was defeated by 31 to 23. The motion carried by 48 to 16.

George Carter then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by D. W. Higgins and carried unanimously. "Be it resolved that no consideration be given to a long close season or any close season that shall not be equally binding upon all who are engaged in sealing on land or sea, and would further urge the necessity for the removal of such restrictions as at present place British subjects on an unequal footing with other nations in the sealing industry."

He is further resolved that a delegation be appointed to wait upon the provincial government to present this resolution and to report to this board from time to time.

He is further resolved that this be embodied in the resolution just passed. The meeting then adjourned.

THE WEATHER.
Meteorological Office.
Victoria, Dec. 4.—8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometric pressure is gradually giving way over the mountains in advance of an ocean storm area off the coast, which is likely to cause milder weather and rain after another 24 or 36 hours. The weather is fair over the entire Pacific slope, and sharp frosts have occurred both in the Lower Mainland and the interior of Vancouver Island.

TEMPERATURE.
Min. Max.
Victoria 37 45
New Westminster 28 40
Kamloops 20 32
Barkerville 14 28
Dawson 2 8
Calgary 1 4
Whisper 0 4
Portland, Ore. 40 54
San Francisco 52 62

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)
Victoria and vicinity: Winds mostly northerly or easterly, fair today, followed by unsettled weather and rain tonight or on Sunday.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, fair today, becoming unsettled with rain tonight or on Sunday.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4.
Deg. Mean Deg.
5 a. m. 38
Noon 43
5 p. m. 42
Lowest 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m. S. miles north.
Noon S. miles north.
5 p. m. S. miles north.

Average state of weather.—Fair.
Sunshine—5 hours 54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed—30.116
Corrected—30.140

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Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—30.16

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Legislative Assembly

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ister to take the opposition fully into his confidence in this matter.

The chairman ruled Mr. Drury out of order as there was no amendment before the House.

Mr. Drury contended that he was only seeking information. On this point a lively argument took place, several members of the opposition taking part.

Hon. Mr. Taitlow said the government had in no manner tied its hands in disposing of these debentures, and would be willing to consider any amendment submitted.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that while it might seem to be a disadvantage to meet the whole loan in ten years, it was an advantage to be able to retire those debentures at shorter dates.

Mr. Oliver argued that the province could still issue debentures at 5 per cent for three years, notwithstanding what had been pointed out by the government.

Mr. Drury moved in amendment alternatives to clause 5 to make the minister solely responsible for negotiating the loan, so that the government should not be under the necessity of employing an agent in the matter.

Hon. Mr. Taitlow was sorry he could not accept the amendment. He believed the minister was quite free in the matter. He asked the House to give the government a free hand in this important matter. The fact was this loan had been placed before large insurance companies, outside the province, and though he had no expectation of better terms than those already under offer, this was just possible, and if by the employment of an agent and the payment of a commission, this would be worth the cost.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that if the finance minister were taken ill or died during the negotiations, it would be absolutely necessary to have an agent.

Mr. Drury, later, declared that there was no provision in the bill for the redemption of the debentures, and that unless this was adjusted now the province might have to pay a premium to redeem the bonds. Moreover, as they would be a first charge on revenue, they might, unless bought in, bar other possibly necessary provincial loans.

Mr. Cotton said Mr. Drury could not be aware of the conditions which had obtained in this province for years, all those loans were based on the consolidated fund of the province. The total amount of the indebtedness of the province was the gauge of the lender. He referred Mr. Drury to section 4 of the Inscribed Stock Act, which answered perfectly the objections of Mr. Drury.

Mr. Drury repeated that the present loan was to be a special charge, that is a first charge on the revenues of the province.

Mr. Cotton quoted from the Inscribed Stock Act for Mr. Drury's information, showing that the latter was mistaken in his apprehension of the matter.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments. The report will be considered at next sitting of the House.

The House then went in committee on the bill to assess the property of railways. Mr. Clifford in the chair.

Mr. Oliver could not see why the property of railway companies within municipalities should not be assessed by them in all cases, and instance Vancouver as one example, and did not think it fair on the part of the government, seeing that the government had saddled municipalities with various heavy payments, such as for education, etc. He moved to strike out section 2 of the bill.

The attorney-general said it was not intended to accept the amendment, and then explained at considerable length the position of the question, showing that there was no good reason why the government should make a present of this portion of the revenues. New municipalities had accepted the responsibilities they now carried, and should not expect to take from the province at a time when its finances were in a straitened condition such a portion of the revenues.

The amendment was lost, 21 to 15.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) criticized section 5, regarding the taxing powers of municipalities, new and old, and said the section had a double-barrelled ap-

plication, which he challenged the government to explain.

Hon. Mr. Wilson and Hon. Mr. Fulton replied, and the section was duly carried.

Mr. Patterson spoke on the taxing of lumber railways, pointing out that the owners of lumber railways labored under heavy disadvantages, and that they should be exempt from the proposed taxation.

Mr. Patterson said the rate proposed to be levied by this bill was absurdly high. Previous to the present time no one could have any objection to the rate. The proposed rate would work a serious injustice.

Mr. Oliver asserted that the new tax would increase the burden on railways five-fold.

Mr. Parker Williams (Newcastle) said the Chemainus railway was assessed at \$3,000 a mile as personal property, not as railway property.

The attorney-general said it was never the intention to tax logging railways.

The finance minister moved to insert clause 1 to the effect that railways were assessed exclusively for the carriage of logs, ore or coal should be exempt from this tax.

On motion of the finance minister, section 2 was amended to read: "shall assess any railway company." It formed the committee rose and reported the bill complete, with amendments. To be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. McInnes continued the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, and spoke some fun at the Socialists, and said he detected in this bill an attempt to smuggle objectionable legislation through the House. He then discussed the coal and oil lands of Kootenay, and alleged that the government was not dealing fairly in the matter. He objected to the power of signing these leases being taken from the chief commissioner of lands and works, and held that a "job had been put up" on his honor.

Mr. Davidson (Labor Independent) agreed with Mr. McInnes. He objected to the raising of the fee from \$50 to \$100.

The attorney-general said the whole purpose of the act was to increase the revenue. The idea in the mind of the executive in taking away the power of signing leases from the Lieut.-Governor in council and giving it to the chief commissioner of lands and works, was that the head of the department might just as well sign them as make it an executive act. It would save the Lieut.-Governor a good deal of trouble; but the government did not care anything about this matter. No such occult idea was in mind as the hon. member from A.D. had suggested.

Mr. Oliver asked the chief commissioner, if the act was passed, would it apply to applications for coal lands now pending. Would those applicants have to restate or would they be allowed to go on with the original application. Also, was it the government's intention to issue licenses to all who applied, or to see that only bona fide prospectors applied.

The commissioner answered that the bill was brought in to augment the revenue, and had nothing to do with the Kootenay coal lands specifically.

Mr. Oliver thought that it would be a better check on such matters if the Lieut.-Governor were still allowed to deal finally with the matter, as at present. Mr. Oliver continued at some length upon what he called the gross inconsistency of charging \$100 for leases and 15 cents an acre for lease of coal lands when found.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) discussed the effects of the bill. He pointed out the probability of men with money coming into the province, and under the law, staking out enormous numbers of claims for people dwelling outside the limits of the province. He cited the case of Spokane city, where hundreds of people lived who had grown rich exploiting British Columbia lands. He objected strongly to foreigners getting the opportunity of exploiting the resources of British Columbia.

The bill will be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. Taitlow, in introducing the bill to tax property, briefly outlined the financial situation of the province, as had been done at greater length the previous day. It was necessary that a greater amount of revenue should be raised, about \$400,000 being the sum required, and this bill had been brought in to assist in this important matter.

It was considered advisable to bring in an entirely new act, and not attempt to amend and consolidate the existing act. The principles of the bill were founded mainly upon the former assessment act, and the example of Ontario had been followed to a certain degree. He then proceeded to outline the details. Will land was to be taxed at 5 per cent, instead of 3 per cent, as formerly. Regarding the income tax, considerable increases had been determined on, but justly and equitably. He did not propose that the act should go through in its entirety as it stood now; as he intended to include some amendments to deal with special cases. One of the principal amendments was regarding personal property, touching the book debts of the merchant. He dealt with several other minor changes that would be introduced. It was proposed to tax corporations upon their gross income. Banks were taxed in the same manner as a private individual. In this bill it would be seen that the government did not consider it necessary to offer special inducements in the shape of reductions in the amount of taxes if paid before a certain date, in order to induce people to pay their taxes. He intended to eliminate clause 105, which related to the assessment of a person residing in his own house at the rate of 5 per cent of the assessed value as income. He had found on looking over the bill that this clause would be found objectionable and so he decided to withdraw it. He called attention to the retroactive clauses to enable the new assessment to take effect with the coming year, and the clauses dealing with the tax on mining properties. He hoped to receive the views and suggestions of the members from Kootenay. He assured the opposition that it never was the intention of the Conservative party to prove unfaithful to its promises. He called attention to the method of taxation of mining properties.

The bill will be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. Taitlow moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Tax Act, 1900, and explained the details of the bill.

The bill will be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. Taitlow moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Revenue Tax Act, 1901. The aim of the bill was to increase the poll tax from \$3 to \$5.

The bill was read a second time, and the House entered in committee of the whole. Mr. H. H. in the chair. The bill was reported, and will be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Gifford introduced a petition regarding the corporation of Vancouver.

The Premier said that two more names were to be added to the municipal committee. He proposed the names of Mr. Fraser (Grand Forks), and Mr. Macdonald proposed Mr. McInnes (Alberni).

Mr. Gifford presented a petition regarding timber limits.

The Premier said it was the intention of the government to commence night sessions on Monday evening next. The House adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday.

QUESTIONS.

To be asked Monday next.

By Mr. McInnes of the Premier:

1. Has the government received any communications from the federal authorities relating to the act passed by this legislature last session? If so, what is their purport?

2. Has the government any reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1903, being an act affecting the cancellation of certain Columbia and Western railway land grants, will be disallowed by the federal authorities? If so, what is it?

By Mr. McInnes of the chief commissioner:

1. Were any lands granted by the Crown during the period commencing on the 7th day of April, A.D., 1887, and ending on the 28th day of April, A.D., 1888?

If so, what lands, and to whom?

By Mr. Oliver of the Premier:

1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the government since June, 1903?

2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

By Mr. Oliver of the minister of finance:

For what particular journeys did the Hon. R. McInnes, the Hon. C. Wilson, the Hon. R. E. Green and the Hon. A. E. McInnes receive traveling expenses, and what amount did each of those gentlemen receive? A particular journey since June 1st, 1903?

By Mr. Evans of the provincial secretary:

Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for a session for a school house at Crofton?

By Mr. Evans:

That an order of the House be granted for a return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild land for the year 1902, and the amount of such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid.

Mr. McInnes moved, in committee of the whole on bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Companies," that the following be added as a sub-section to section 4:

"All permanent improvements up to the value of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) on land used for agricultural purposes."

Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved, upon consideration of the report on bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Companies," the following amendment:

To strike out the words of section 5, after the word "track," in the seventh line, and insert the following: "in the limits of any municipality incorporated since the 21st February, 1855."

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Oliver to move on the report of bill No. 5 (railway tax) to add as sub-section (a) to section 5, the following: "The provisions of this section shall not apply to the property of railway companies situated within the limits of an incorporated municipality, shall have the right to assess the property of the railway company situated within the limits of a municipality at the rate of \$10,000 per mile of track, including sidings."

Mr. W. G. Cameron on Monday next to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act."

Mr. J. H. King on Monday next, that an order of the House be granted for return of copies of instructions given to Bullock Webster re investigation of "East Kootenay Hotel Case." Also all correspondence in respect to this matter; also copies of Mr. Webster's reports.

VOSS AND TILICUM HAVE A RIVAL

A Former Shipmate of the Victoria Navigator Starts Similar Cruise.

According to advices received from New Zealand by the steamer Moana, A. Buckridge, who was a partner of Capt. J. C. Voss of this city, in navigating the four-ton vessel, the four-ton vessel, which left here over two years ago to circle the globe, has started on a similar venture to his late partner, having left Auckland on November 14th in the barrel-shaped raxi Ka Oro, on a trip round the world.

The boat mentioned above is a peculiar little craft of two tons burden. Its hull is built in the shape of a barrel and is one of the oddest ships that have ever been built. Many people are interested, as it is a complete innovation in the marine world, and if the claims of the owner are made good it may tend to not only revolutionize the smaller vessels, but may suggest many radical changes in the construction of larger boats. It is twenty-two feet long, and has a six foot six inch beam. The keel is made of lead and weighs about 700 pounds. Mr. Buckridge is carrying all concentrated foods and ninety-five gallons of fresh water, which he believes will last about 180 days at the rate of a half gallon a day for himself and mate.

He places a great deal of reliance on the fact that he may catch a quantity of fresh rain water between New Zealand and Cape Horn, which will be his first stopping place. From there he will go to London if his provisions hold out or are supplemented by supplies from passing vessels. The cock pit of the raxi is a small room for sea baths, which will be a convenience seldom possessed on freak crafts of this nature.

This pit will also be used for catching rain water. The vessel is ballasted with six fresh water tanks which will be filled with water when empty, and as the provisions give out their weight will be supplanted by bags filled with water. The trip is expected to occupy something like nine months. Mr. Buckridge is a well-known seafaring man, and has had years of experience in the southern waters. For some time he was connected with the war canoe Tillicum, which called at the New Zealand port some few weeks ago on a similar voyage around the world. Besides himself he will have a mate to help navigate the little cockleshell.

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H. M. S. Flora May Be Saved

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Since the arrival of H. M. S. Egeria a patrol has been started and all civilians are being kept from the scene of the wreck.

THE CRUISE'S OFFICERS.

The Flora, which was commissioned in England on November 11th, 1902, arrived at Victoria on December 1st, 1903, and was on board: Capt. Casper J. Baker; Lieut. (G.), Frank O. Lewis, (N.) Harold P. Grant, Philip H. Waterer, Hon. Alex. R. M. Ramsay; Lieut. R. R. Arthur J. Coleman; Eng. Lieut. Sydney J. Drake, W. J. Ford; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Salisbury, M. A.; Staff Surgeon, Frederick J. Burns, M. D.; Staff Paymaster, H. K. Moffat; Purser, P. A. Alderson; Sub-Lieut. James H. Neill; Gunner, Thos. Sandover; Carpenter, William Marks; Midshipmen, Chas. M. Orlendon, Victor R. Williams, Christopher J. F. Edith, Owen H. K. Murray, Knighthead, Y. Orphan, Ronald Hume, Bertram E. Jones, Russell A. B. Seyr, Cecil E. Wilkins, Alfred B. Kennedy; Clerk, Harry W. Robins; Asst. Cook, William A. Lloyd.

A COINCIDENCE.

As a peculiar coincidence it is remarked that the wreck of H. M. S. Flora occurred on the same day when H. M. S. Concor rounded Race Rocks, and ran into the heavy fog in which the vessel foundered off the coast of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which was bound out from Nanaimo for San Francisco with coal, was lost.

The Flora was to have brought the new Commodore of this station to Esquimalt, it having been arranged to proceed to proceed from Esquimalt to Vancouver on Friday next to bring Commodore Gooderich to Esquimalt to relieve Rear Admiral Rickford, M. G., who leaves for England on the 11th inst.

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